

Remarks

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 17, 2006. Claims 1, 14, and 27 are amended, support for the amendments being found, for example, at page 6, lines 6-17 of the present application. Claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-33, and 35-39 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 9-17, 22-30, and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and the correctness of the rejection is not conceded. Reconsideration is requested for the following reasons.

Claims 1, 14, and 27 are amended to recite a tangible computer-readable media. It is respectfully suggested that such a limitation qualifies as statutory subject matter under section 101. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 14, and 27, as well as 2-4, 9-13, 15-17, 22-26, 28-30, and 35-39 that depend therefrom, are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In section 5 of the Office Action, claims 5-7, 18-20, and 31-33 are noted as being allowable. The Examiner's assistance in identifying allowable subject matter is appreciated. All claims are in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, please call the undersigned at 612.332.5300.

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